



S.2571 – To make technical corrections to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act

FLOOR SITUATION

S.2571 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA) on January 29, 2008. The bill passed in the Senate by Unanimous Consent on January 29, 2008.

S.2571 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on February 13, 2008.

SUMMARY

S. 2571 amends the text of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. 136w-8), by allowing the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to exempt applicants from the registration service fee for an application for minor uses of a pesticide.

The bill extends the authority of the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to grant such registration fee exemptions until September 30, 2012.

BACKGROUND

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is charged with regulating the sale, distribution, and use of pesticides in the United States in order to protect the U.S. food supply and environment. The EPA imposes fees on pesticide manufacturers and distributors in order help pay for EPA pesticide regulation activities. According to the Congressional Research Service, in fiscal year 2006, the EPA collected \$39.7 million in pesticide fees – \$25.8 million in registration service fees and \$13.9 million in maintenance fees.

COST

The Congressional Budget Office has not scored this legislation.

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